

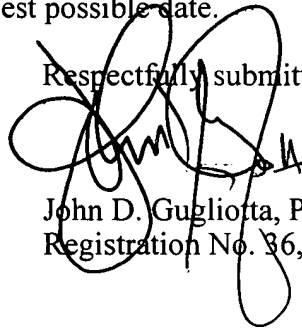
**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Before entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-6 were pending. Claims 4-6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was considered allowable if rewritten in independent form, which has been done. New claims 7-8 are new dependent upon claim 4, and should therefore also be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,



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